

WEDNESDAY EVENING. JAN. 5, 1910.

THE enemies of Tammany Hall are still manifesting their satisfaction over the fact that that organization is playing no part in the government of the city of New York, and Charles F. Marphy is being unmercifully lampooned and cartooned by some newspapers of that city. Tammany may not be able to show an untarnished escutcheon during the many years it has been in existence, and where is the political organization that persons prefer to believe that that organization does not contain all the apostates and degenerates of New York, and to be a member of Tammany does not necessarily give him the "mark of the beast" nor consign him to Tartarus, Over a third of a century ago a reform movement was started in New York ossecurity for the purpose of curtailing public expenditures, but really for the purpose of unborsing Tammany. The reformers went into office with the clamor of general approval and the blasts of brass bands. The administration of the reformers showed that more money had been spent with less results than under the regune of their predecessors. fammany has often been temporarily sideafter the waters have receded the reins are again placed in the bands of that historic organization. What has been done before is likely to be done again. Murphy will await the time with paand of the poker.

NEWSPAPERS are at present devoting much space to the gradually increasing cost of the necessaries of life and the incidental struggle for existence on the part of many. This is a serious interested. But it seems that the risk troubles to the press. The postmaster canned goods. There is hardly a day substance of the administration's ultithat the papers fail to note the poisoning of people in some place in the country from the consumption of canmed beef, salmon, tomatoes or fruit. A dispatch in yesterday's Gazatte told Senators LaFollette, Clapp and Cumof the poisoning of five persons in today announces that seven members lette, who is chairman of the Senate of a family are dead in Sawtelle, Col. from eating canned pears. The pure of these who innocently purchase canmed goods. Ptomaine poisoning is at

THE results of evil companions, trashy apparent in the lives of some boys. Verpleaded guilly at Muncie, Ind., to having opened a switch at Dawn, O., and wracked the Knickerbocker train on the B g Four Railroad, Saturday night. He was held to the grand jury and placed in that he could steal enough money from them to take him to a sea coast town where he could join the pavy. The engineer and fireman of the train were periously injured in the wreck. It beadventures of Jack Sheppard, while managers of theatres were not allowed to produce scenes from it on the stages.

"WE ARE DOW Role to tell almos exactly the age of this earth," eard Prof. William Mirris Davis, of Har vatd, in a lecture at the Lowell Institute, in Cambridge, Mass., "It has existed 60,000,000 years, not 100,000,000 years. We are able to tell this by an examinanion of the chiffs in Arizons and Uah, where the time taken to lay down deposits can be easily computed." Many years ago some archeologists were dig- larly within the jurisdiction of the ging in Italy and according to their deductions as they went deeper and deeper into mother earth, it took many thousand years to form the strats. They of the Cesare.

MRS. LUCIA AMES MEAD, whose profession is presching peace, told the William Lloyd Garrison Equal Rights signs are to be posted next week in Boston trolly cars asking how the national dinner pail can be properly supout 76 per cent of all it gets to cover the expenses of past wars and the cost of preparations for future ones. If Mrs. Mead's statements are correct, and she probably can furnish facts and figures. the above should afford food for thought for many who dream that the world is on the verge of the dawn of the era of

From Washington. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette

Washington, Jan. 5. A delegation of members of the Washlogion Monument Association of Alex. audria this evening called on the secretary of the treasury in reference to Mr. Carlin's bill recently introduced in the House for the coincage of half-dollar the erection of a monument to Washington in George Washington Park, west of Alexandria. The delegati n wishes to secure the approval of the bill by the secretary of the tressury.

The administration resolution congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was introduced simultaneously in the Senate and House today. Senator Jones, of Washington presented the resolution in the house and Mr. Humphrey (rep. Wash.) in the lower. Both these congresemen are from Secretary Ballinger's wn state, and were selected to introduce the resolution for that reason. The measure is a "joint resolution" which means that it must receive the signature of the president to become effective. This means that the executive will have a hand in the investigation. In the Senate, the resolution was referred to the committee on public lands and in the House to the committee on rules. and complete investigation of every bu rean of the Interior Department and the forest service. The investigating committee is to consist of twelve members, six appointed by the vice president and six by the speaker. "Way did you tell the newspapers

what I told you? D.d't you know that it was to be entirely confidentia:?" "No I did not know anysuch thing, and, floor of the House if I am not going to dates for the message. get decent trestment at the hands of the administration." This is the substance tracked by political tidal waves, but of a telephonic conservation between Postmaster General Hitchcock, the political boss of the administration, and Representative Miller, of Mianesots, one of the insurgent members that have been throwing wordy snowballs at Speaker Oangoo. The postmaster general called Murphy will await the time with pa tience when he will again clasp the cold him for telling the newspapers that he, Hichcock, had told him, Miller, tha the administration had decided to "hold up" all appointment recommendations coming from insurgent sources. Hiichcock, at the first interview with Mr. Miller, arged him not o "do anything" in the way of open protest until he heard from him, but problem in which a large majority of the Minnesota man was so wrathful that the people of the country are vitally he just came right out and told his of being poisoned is alarming, and general's friends are saying that Miller that rich and poor alike often take their inferences from his conversation that lives in their own hands when they eat were not justified by the facts. As the matum had been already laid down to soveral senators of the progressive or insurgent variety, those who heard Mr. Miller's story were inclined to take i at its face value in splte of the denial?, mins have been given to unders and that the White House regards them as Trenton, N. J., from sating canned desirables' from a patronage disbursing tomatoes, and an item in the paper standpoint. In retaliation Mr. LaFolcensus committee, has held up a number

of nominations made by the president. "I see the president's finish, if he food laws have, it is hoped, come to stay, indorses the idea of clubbing every memand some drastic measures should be ber who does not agree with Mr. Cannon, taken at once to safeguard the lives said Representative Hayes of Californis, master general, assgood a politican as he ship Maine from the bottom of Havana is, should be guilty of such bad politics. | harbor. present as serious a menace as pelagra or I have plenty of enemies, but I make a rule never to howl about them, or to even let any one know that they are my snemler. The wise politican knows that novels and chesp shows are often made he can get more with kind words than the country as a whole are against Mr. mon Plessinger, 18 years old, yesterday Cannon and if the administration starts former governor of the Bank of France, in to punish all who do not agree with whose body was found under a railroad the speaker, why, the administration is train near Paris. be no other results. As far as I am plaint to make about my treatment at jail. Plessinger had expected that many the postoffice. In fact I have been given held up. passengers would be killed or injured so my share of postoffice paironage and most courtesy by the postmarter general and his assistants."

The states of the union are perfectly able to take care of their own murals according to Representatives Adamson and Bartlet: (tem. Alabama) and Richcame necessary in England many years ardson, (dem Tenn) who today subago to stop boys from reading the life and mitted a minority report on the interste commerce committees white slave bill. In the satement setting forth their views the democrats assert that "no instance in the painful recitals that eign commerce, that could not be reached do what this bill proposes, then the door is open wide to the assumption by the national government of an almost unlimited body of legislation which bas beretofore been recognized as particu-

The efforts of Senor Don Luis Cores, representative of the Madrid regime, to persuade the State Department to recogn'ze his faction received a serious setkep: digging and finally uncarthed a back today through reports received copper coin bearing the vignette of one from Vice Consul Calders at Managua, According to his dispatches the marine officers who visited Grenads a few days ago were received with great enthusiasm. At a barquet to Zelava's henchman Irias, on the third, which was attended by Madriz and the Zelayan fol-Association in New York yesterday that lowers, Senor Bacs, minister general of the Madriz government, referred to the marine officers as stokers from the ships at Corinto. Further than this Madriz by his appointment has placed himself plied when the government is paying in a position more remote than ever cupante, two nurses and 33 babies were from the possibility of an unders anding with the United States. He has just announced the appointment of a Russian hibilist named Loeiz as commandente of the port of Corinto. The commander in chief of his army, Toledo, is also a person of unsavory po- of the society since its organization litical reputation who has been in and ont of Zelaya's pocket. Senor Corea pail- | defalcations that have been going on in

The State Department still maintains its | The resignation of Mr. Oscar Murray, rigidly noncommital attitude and will do as president of the Baltimore and Ohio so until further development in the Railroad, was accepted by the board of Nicaraguan situation. Today's dis- directors in New York, yesterday, and patches state that the family of Senor Mr. Daniel Willard, second vice presi-Castrillo is well and unmolested.

The administration will hold off a while on appointments in the districts cassor. Mr. Murray will become chairrepresented in Congress by insurgents, man of the board of directors, which silver pieces, the proceeds to be used for In the meanwhile it will assume its position was made for him. favorite attitude of thinking it over and leave the insurgents to do the and five seriously injured in a fire same on the throny side of the potoday by Postmaster General Hitchcock. It is unreasonable, in the opinion of the postmaster general to, expect the administration to extend to the insurgents these courtesies when there was good reason to believe that after the appointments were made the congressmen and office holders would use the power thus given them sgainst the administration. He also pointed out that in every district represented by insurgents there are strong regular organizations which are pushing there claims upon the president and that these must be given consideration. The administration, he emphatically, stated would not allow past actions to enter into what discrimination against a conhas proven to be infallible? But many It is planned that these committees shall gressman might be decided upon though both report the resolution back to their he did not state in what way they hoped respective houses without delay, in order to judge future attitudes without this as that the investigation can be set under a starter. There are certain measures that way immediately. It is understood that the administration is trying to put there will be no change in the measure in through Congress and their course, he either house. The resolution is sweeping stated, will be decided entirely upon the in its character and calls for a thorough | congressman's attitude towards these

The president's message on the antitrust and interstate commerce laws will go to Congress on Friday providing President Taft and his advisors do not sgain changed their plans. The message dealing with the Glavia charges sgainst Secretary Ballinger will reach Congress tomorrow. This aonouncement was made at the White House towhat's more, I'm mad clear through and day. The president's mind has changed am going to ventilate the thing on the four times in the last three days on the

The conference on the question of the witchmen's strike between Chairman Kospp, of the commerce commission; Commissioner of Labor Neil and H. B. Perham, chief of the rallroad section of the American Federation of Labor was resumed today. Commissioner Neil returned today from Chicago where he assisted in the choice of the third arbitrator in the telegrapher's strike and, in. James F. Snith, former governor-gencidentally, procured some first hand in- eral of the Philippines, and C. M. Barformation regarding the strike of the ber, of Vermont, switchmen. Mr. Perham said today that he was so hopeful that as a result of the pending conference a method would be devised whereby an amicable arrangement could be reached between the railroads and their striking switchmen. He refused to indicate upon what lines he a lingering liness, at the advanced age though: an agreement could be reached

An invitation to attend the Appala chian Exposition, to be held at Knoxville, Tennessee. September 15 to October 15, was extended to President Tafe today by a delegation headed by Representative Austin, of Tennessee. The president promised to attend if possible. The exposition is to exploit to products of the Appalachian states.

News of the Day.

Senstor Gorman in his speech at Annapolis yesterday accepted the presideacy of the Maryland state senate,

started in Chicago to obtain uniform re- the Virginia Miltary Institute. ductions in fire insurance rates.

The surplus earnings, aggregating \$640,640,817, of foreign labor employed ia the United States has been sent abroad since 1890.

President Taft has declared himself in "I am surprised that the post- favor of the bill to raise the battle-

> President Taft is expected to include in his conservation message a recemmendation for a \$30,000,000 appropria-

> tion for reclamation projects. Two French soldiers have confessed to murdering Mme Govio, widow of a

It is reported in Washington that the insurgents who attempted to obstruct personally concerned I have no com- the legislative programme of the administration will find their patronage

> Edward Moore Robinson, a member of the firm of Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, died last night at his home in Villanova, nine days after the death of his wife, Mrs. Allene Ivers Robinson.

Ool. Charles H. Thompson, 78 years old, foster father of Edith May Woodill, who was murdered by Bob Eastman last summer, died at his home, near site of the former structure. The sum McDaniel, Md., while at the breakfast of \$35,000 is required for the retable yesterday.

Seven persons are dead at Santelle, Col., and three lie dangerously ill of have been made to sus ain this hill has promaine poisoning, caused by eating come under their observation relative to canned pears on Sunday. The peaches objectionable conduct, aside from for were canned several months ago. They were eaten at a family reunion.

and fully punished by state authority. The stone chapel of Prince Town, Coogress has no police power except Devoushire, England, built under forced in the District of Columbia and the ter- labor by American sailors confined in ritories. If Congress has the power to the Dartmoor prison during the war of 1812, has been restored and a memorial window placed in it to the memory of the Americans.

Harry Cortis Elliott, of Chicago, president of the Elliott-Habbard Copper Company, and H. Greer, of Seattle, were killed in a snowslide at the compang's property at Elliott Creek, 100 miles northwest of Oordovs, Alaska, on December 30.

Dr. Cook's original notebook of his North Pole expedition has arrived at Copenhagen and will be examined by the committee immediately. Dr. Cook's arctic records bave been sent from Copenhagen to the National Geographic 85clety at Washington.

A fire which broke out in S'. Vincent's Foundling Asylum, in Montclair, N. J., shortly after S o'clock last night. nearly destroyed that institution, and it was only by the prompt action of the firemen and some neighbors that its ocrescued.

official notice from Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, that Miss Sarah B. Maclay, the late curator eighteen years ago, was guilty of the ferred with Assistant Secretary Wilson, years,

dent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, was elected as his suc-

Four persons were burned to death which yesterday destroyed F. H. Bablitical field wondering. This determina- cock's boarding-house in Fort William, tion of the administration was voiced in Oat. The five persons injured were an informal discussion of the situation compelled to jump from windows in order to make their escape. The tempersture was 20 degrees below zero.

James R. Kaye, former pastor of the Presbyterian church in Liccolo, Ill., must serve a two-years' sentence in the federal prison at Lesvenworth, Kans, for counterfeiting. The United States circuit court of appeals yesterday affirmed the judgment of the lower court. Federal officers found the counterfeiting outfit in the Presbyterian church parsonage, where Kaye lived.

Depressed by his inability to obtain work and by recent family troubles, William H. Prouland, 37 years old. of 444 Massachueetts avenue porthwest, Washington, last night committed sulcide by cutting his throat with a razor. Prouland lost his position as assistant translator in the State Department several months ago. He was a native of Germany.

Big snowslides are running in the western part and southwestern sections of Colorado as a result of blizzards of the past week The reports thus far received indicate that seven men are dead Four men lost their lives at Darauge. One man lost his life in an avalanche that swept by the Iowa mine near Silverton. Slides have been ronning the mountains of Chaffee county, and two men are reported to have lost their lives Monday.

President Taft has made a selection of judges for the new special Custom Court which was created by the tariff act enacted at the last session of Corgress. He intended to send their ably be nominated today. Their names follow: Ohief justice of the court, Judge Alfred Conking Coxe, of the federal circuit bench, New York; members, William Henry Hunt, of Montana; Marion DeVries, who has been general appraiser of customs at New York:

Virginia News.

Mrs. Mary S. Lucas Kalmbach, wite of Charles L. Kulmbach, died at her home in Fredericksbusg yeaterday after of eighty-four years.

Miss Elit Adrians and Mr. Frank Ellicott, both of Ashburg, were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by Rev. S. R. White, of the Baptist Church at the home of the minister.

Bev. W. H. T. Squires, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, has received a call from the synod of Missouri to the pest of synodical evangelist of Missouri. He went to Norfolk from Bristol last April.

Governor-elic: Mann authorizes the Alexander D. Hamilton, of Petersburg, as chief of his staff. The new colone A national movement was yesterday is a practicing attorney and graduate of

The fight for be life of Samuel Hardy under sentence of death in Suffolk jai for the murder of Tiberius Grachus Jones, at Holland, in Nansemond county, was the only case argued before the Coart of Aspeals at Richmond yesterday.

Merriage licenses was Issued in Washington yesterday to Israel O. Mannakee, and Julia J. Gaines, of Fairfax, Roger L. Shell, and Susie A. Hill, both of De Witt: James P. McDocoogh and Julia Morgan, of Richmond, and Gay S. Zepp, and Pauline C. Rotledge, of Addison Heights.

Charles Athby Williams, farmer and home of the bride's brother-in-law, Silss Cather, in Winchester, by Rev. H. E Richardson of the United Brethren

Ohurch. Restoration of the colonial capitol at Williamsburg was the subject of a report last night at the annual meeting at Richmond of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. It was recommended that William and Mary College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa be requested to become a committee for promoting interest in the erection of the building. The association owns the building.

James Alexander Turner, a well known commercial traveler of Fredericksburg died at the Mary Washington Hospital Tuesday after a week's illness of double pneumonia and congestion of the brain, aged 60 years. "Col." Tarser, as he was familiarly called, was one of the best known and most popular men on the road. He was a son of the late James A. sod Sussn Quinton Johnson Turner, born in Fredericksburg on Dec. 20, 1849.
Roland Greene Mitchell and Miss Susan Randelph Page, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell Page, of "Saratoga," near Boyce, both Olarke county, were married yesterday evening in Christ Church, at Millwood, by the recor, Rav. J. M. Robeson, The bride is related to the Pages, Carters, Randolphs, Nelsons and Borwells. She is popular in society. Saratogs, her home, is one of the fine old colonial states. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Philadelphia.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE. It was announced at the White House last night that President Taft had decided to submit to Congress tomorrow a messag: concerning the proposed amendment to the interstate commerce law and desired changes in the Sherman antitrost law. Instead of handling these subjects in seperate message President Taft will obarve his original intention and submit them together. The various chapters have received | The message will contain approximately 7,000 words. More than one-ball of it will deal with the changes which the president hopes can be effected in the Hepbarn act. The remainder will contain an outline of a law for the federal incorporation of concerns engaged in interstate commerce, and a treatise of the ed at the S:ate Department today and con- the Washington office for the past eight Sherman antitrust law, with recommendations for its overhauling.

Today's Telegraphic News

From Richmond.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette, Bichmond, Vs., Jan. 5.—The sentiment in the sub-committee of the state democratic committee appointed to frame primary bill is practically unanimous against Byrds compulsion clause. The closed doors and begin this afternoon.

For assaulting G. M. Smithdeal for questioning the varacity of Mrs. James W. Adderson in a liquor license hearing the husband of the latter, was fined \$20 and put under peace bond today.

The Blizzard in the Northwest. Minespolis, Jan. 5 .- Reports from the northwest today gave no signs of a let-up in the blizzard, the worst of the winter, which has been reging throughout Minnesots, Montans, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas for IS hours. Trailing the blizzard is a cold wave, ranging from ten below zero here to 30 below in some Dakota points. Three inches of snow fell here today and two deaths have been reported. Notwithstanding reports of possible famine in the Dakotas, all points report plentiful supplies. The coal supply is adequate and there is no general soffering. It is feared, however, that cattle on the ranges west

the kind since 1888. Obicago, Jan. 5.-The storm, which has paralyzed Colorado, moved eastward during the night and the middle west is experiencing the most severe storm in years. While no reports of fatalities have been received from the immediate vicinity of Chicago, immense damage has been done,

The blizzard reached its height in Iowa and Nebraska. Roports from D:s Moines indicate it is the worst storm that has appeared in many year and the damage will be enormous,

Preparing for a Strike. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.-The following terse order was issued by the

Milwankee road today: "Conductors' bulletin-We are exnames to the Senste. They will prob. I tremely short of company coal at all points and there is a shortage of commercial coal at a great many places. Situation is getting serious. Company and commercial coal must be handled in perference to everything except live stock and perishable-freight. Some Minneapolis dealers are still

vaiting in vain for their shipments of Ohristmas trees and the switchmen say the twin cities are only doing 18 per

cent. of the normal freight business. The railroads took radical steps today evidently in preparation for a general

New York Ice-bound.

New York, Jap. 5 .- New York harbor is ice-bound and navigation is proceeding with difficulty; the streets are blocked with snow that fell Ohristmas night and which has been removed only from the most important throughfares; a howling northerly wind is driving another snow storm down on the city, and, with the temperature eleven degree above zero, the poor are facing conditions that are sure to leave suffering and death in their wake. With it all, however, there is an absence of the atter misery of former years. This is due entirely to the recent prosperity which has reduced announcement of the appointment of the number of the unemployed to minimum figures.

The Emperor's Silence.

Berlin, Jan. 5 .- It war learned today that the kaiser, for the first time in his reign, refused to make a speech at the House in committee of the whole today New Year's dinner he gave to the commanding generals of the German army, which was given this year in the Berlin palace. The emperor's silence marks snother stage in his determination to refrain from public utterance, and he is now being dubbed the "silent monarch."

Trains Collide.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 5.-The collision of east-bound passenger train No. 110 and a freight train at the east end of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tunnel near West Alexander, Pennsylvania, early business man, of Middleburg, Loudoun today resulted in the death of one man county, and Miss Augusta M. Ewing and the injury of five others. The enwere married yesterday afternoon at the gines of both trains and a baggage car were derailed, blocking traffic for four boure.

Explosion in a Mill.

Baffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5. - Firemen tolay are digging in the smouldering rains of the Buffalo Cereal Company's plant for the bodies of three mill hand believed to have been buried in the ruine. following an explosion of grain dust and a fire which almost entirely destroyed the works late last night. Besides the three missing, nine men are in the hospitals, eight of them in a serious condition. The property loss was \$200,000.

The Coal Familie.

Iowa City, Iowa, Jan. 5 - The University of Iowa is closed today owing to the inability of the authorities to secure sufficient coal to heat the class rooms. The famine has been imminent for several days, but the officials have been postponing the inevitable until today when it was found impossible to keep the buildings bested.

Opposition to Income Tax. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5 - New York state will not approve President Taft's suggestion for an amendment to the federal donstitution which will permit the imposition of a federal income tax if the recommendation of Gov-ernor Hughes is adopted by the state legislature. In a special message today Governor Hughes recommends that the proposed amendment be defeated because it makes no exemptions from taxation. If ratifies by twothirds of the state, he claims, it will leaved the door open for federal taxation on the in-

come from state and municipal bonds. This will destroy the borrowing capacity of the

state or munic palities.
Leading members of the legislature inderse the governor's position and there is little don't the amendment will be defeated. Governor Hughes believes the people should not elect the minor state officials, but if he had his way he would model the state government slong the lines of the national electing a governor and a Heutenant governor an i all wing the governor to appoint a cabinet which would fill the places now held by elective officers. This the ideal system, he insists, and if adopted would permit the per-ple to hold the governor responsible for the business adminimation of the state.

Missing Fishermen.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 5.—A dispatch was received this afternoon from Whitchead ask-ing the government agent here to dispatch a government cruiser to search for sixteen ash ing boats, with seventy-six men on board, which have not been heard from since they went out before yest-rday's terrible blizzard began. The storm was one of the wildest in years and has been succeeded by intense cold and little hope is entertained for the lives of

The Market.

Sixty-first Congress. (Second Session)

> Washington, Jan. 5. BENATE.

Col. James Gordon, the picturesque ex-Confederate soldier, appointed senstor from Mississippi to succeed the late Anselm J. McLaurin, took the cath tosubcommittee session will be behind day. He was escorted to the desk by Senator Money. Many of the elder republican statesmen smiled and even laughed as he subscribed to the iron. clad promise to maintain the constitution "against all enemies foreign and domestic."

> Sanator Gordon was given a seat in the resr of the democratic side, just back of Mr. LsFollette.

After the resolution to investigate the Pinhcot-Ballinger controversy had been read in the upper house, Senator Jones explained it at length, in a speech enlogizing Secretary Ballinger and disclaiming any purpose of "whitewashing" his administration of the public lands. Taking up in detail Ballinger's recommendations for conservation legislation, Sanator Jones declared that they

were the first concrete proposals for

conservation ever made. Senator Jones asked that the resolution be referred to the committee on public lands. At the request of Mr. of the Missouri river will suffer greatly. Lodge (rep., Mass.) for an opportunity The storm is said to surpass anything of to read the resolution before action was taken. Er. Jones consented that the matter be laid aside until tomorrow.

> Senator Newlands (dem., Nev.) said he did net oppose the investigation requested, but he hoped a long and sensational inquiry would not postpone or prevent conservation legislation. There had already been sufficient delay. He syoke at some length on the inertness of Congress. He would regret the investigation if it delayed legislation.

Senator Elkins offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to make an investigation into the cost of living and any increase in the same since 1900. Three or four hundred bills were

tossed into the Senate legislative hopper today. The Senate adjourned at 1:58 p. m.

until tomorrow. HOUSE.

As soon as the House convened Mr.

Humphrey (rep. Wash.) obtained the floor and made a statement in explanation of the resolution. In presenting his resolution asking for

an investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy Mr. Humphrey said that it had become a matter of common know. ledge throughout the country that the attacks upon Mr. Ballinger were really attacks upon the president, "Matters have reached an intolerable stage," he said. "If either of these officials is guilty of the offense as charged sgainst him the should be removed from public service." In his speech upon the resolution Mr.

Humphrey said, "It has been frequently charged that these attacks upon the secretary of the interior were largely inspired, if not actually prepared, by persous connected with the bureau of forestry in the Department of Agriculture. The time has come when the people of the country should know the truth in relation to these matters."

A large crowd of members from both sides of the political fence gathered about Homphry during his speech and the resolution which was read immediately was listened to with great attention.

The Panama bill by Mr. Mann, (rep., which provides for a " general" of the canal and for a government for the zone during the construction of the canal, was considered by the under the new raic establishing calendar Wednesday, Mr. Richardson, (dem., Ala.), attacked the the bill bitterly on the ground it would give to much power to the executive.

A formal amendment to the bill by Mr. Keifer, (rep.), Ohio) which was regarded by some as a test vote because Mr. Keifer annouced his opposition to the bill, was passed by a vote of 80 to 53 after tellers had been demanded.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

The first and probably the most briliant of the former state receptions planned for the present White House sesson was given last night by the president and Mrs. Taft in honor of the diplomatic corps. Some 1,500 guests were invited. Mrs. Tait was present throughout the evening.

Last night's reception marked a change in the manner of conducting the state affairs at the White House. For the first time in many administrations refreshments were served. The "Blue Room Circle," which flourished during the Roosevelt administrations when a selected coterie of friends were invited 'behind the line,' was entirely done way with.

The number of invitations issued to each of the big receptions has been materially reduced by Mrs. Taft, whose idea is that every guest present should feel himself or herself the personal guest of the president and his wife and all should be treated alike.

In the receiving line last night were only the vice president and Mrs. Sherman, the members of the Cabinet and the ladies of their households.

The guests assembled in the East Room. The diplomats, in resplendent uniforms and accompanied by their spites, gave to the reception the color and brilliancy of a court function. The refreshments, served in the state diplog room, consisted of creamed bysters, salads, ices and champagae punch.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. Mgr. Joseph M. Flyan, rector of the Church of the Assumption at Morristown, N. J., died today at his home in that city.

A dispatch from Newport, R. I., sys favorable weather only can save from a total wrack the two-masted schooner Oskwood, of Narragansett Pier, which is grounded on the beach in Dutch Island Harbor,

The Baltimore World was rold today to William L'Alieman, of Baltimore, for \$67,750, it is generally believed, that be is allied with or is the personal representative of William Randelph Hearst Considerable fire loss is reported today

in Greensville, Pa., from Conneant lake village, but 'phone and telegraph wires are down and it is impossible to secure details. The fire department from Meadville was sent to the scene on s special train. The latest reports declare the fire is under control.

Lewis H. Cone, a wealthy horsemen, and bis wife, were run down and killed by a Illinois Central suburban train on the south side of Chicago today while crossing the Georgetowa, D. C. Jan, 5. Wheat 106-120 tracks in their automobile.

Killed Two Men.

Decatur, Ala., Jan. 5 .- Will Blocker quirreled with a woman at Town Creek today because she would not marry him. By taid-ers interfered and Blocker went to his home, returning in a few minutes with a correcting rifle. He commenced firing and kill d two men, wounded six other men and three wo ren before he was disarmed and arrested, is now in jail at Moulton, while a meb is gathering at Town Creek, and will attempt to lynch him.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Jan. 5 - After general straugth at the opening the market suddenly because weak following a decline of four points in Rock Island. The majority of leading railroad issues declined from fractions to over one point. Governments unchanged; other bonds

regular. Various rumors as to the cause of the sudden four point decline in Rock Island caused the market to remain uneasy through the late forenoon, and further declines in leading issues were noted. Shortly after mid-day it became slightly firmer.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS Northern mails, week days, close at 8 45a.
m. and 10 40 s. m., and 1 40, 8 15
and 10 50 p. m. Open at 8 00 a. m.,
12 00 m, and 5 00 p. m. On Sundays Northern
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Southern mails via Southern Railway clore at 10 40 a. m., 4 30 and 10 15 p. m. Open at 8 00 a. m. and 4 00 p. m.
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Manassas Division mails close at 8 15 a. m. and 3 50 p. m. Open at 12 m. and 10 15 p. m.

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Bluemont Branch, Southern Railway, mail close at 7 45 a. m., and 3 20 p. m. Open at 9 00 a. m and 7 00 p. m.

Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 140 p. m. and 10 15 p. m. Open at 800 a. m. and 400 p. m.

Washington mails close at 8 45 and 10 40 a. m., and 1 40, 8 15, and 10 50 p. m. Open at 800 s. m., Office Hours—Open at 800 a. m. Close at Office Hours-Open at 300 a. m.

600 p. m. Sunday Hours—Open at 900 a. m. Clora Sunday nours—Open at 900 a, m. Cloca at 1000 a, m. Carriers' Schedule—Collection made on inside routes—615 and 1000 a, m. and 300 and 530 p. m. Full route—615 a. m. and 530 p. m. Sunday callection 445 p. m. Carriers' window open Sunday 900 a. m. and close 1000 a. m. and close

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